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I urge the US government and the various states to adopt the settlement agreement that Microsoft and the Department of Justice have reached. I believe Microsoft has bent over backwards to honestly settle the federal government's poorly brought case against it. It is time for all parties to recognize that this was a travesty, settle the case and get on with important business.

I truly believe that the people of this country would have been much better served had the governments (federal and state) taken on a real monopoly, the electric power generators, rather than a company that was the consumer's friend. And in all I have read, the government's position was that it was protecting consumers. The government wasn't protecting consumers. It was (is) protecting a few marginal companies that may not be able to compete even if the playing field is now tipped in their favor.

I think you guys ought to prioritize your cases on the basis of consumer harm rather than how jealous you are over one man's riches. I don't know whether the government realizes it or not, but the attack on Bill Gates caused the economy of this country to go into the dumper. How's that going to look in the history books. You ought to be ashamed of yourselves.

I might also ask what you are doing about these US companies who sell products to related companies located outside of this country for unreasonably low prices and buy from the same companies at exorbitantly high prices. Their income is down and their expenses are up. What is the loss of billions in tax revenue doing to the consumers in this country?

Thanks!

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